

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and system for acquiring bar code encoded information wherein a bar code is read using a portable bar code reader to produce bar code data which has a wireless communications transceiver for transmitting the bar code data. The bar code data is transmitted to a second bar code reader which has a wireless communications transceiver for receiving bar code data and has an output circuit for communicating bar code data by a cable to a host computer. The bar code data and additional bar code data produced by the second bar code reader is communicated by the cable or by a secondary wireless connection to the host computer.

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